

Special TAG Amendment Request

CTEC requests a one-time supplemental \$50,000 added to our existing Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) to enable a partner organization in Butte, the Restore Our Creek Coalition (ROCC), to hire an independent technical advisor expert in stream restoration and construction.

The funds will be used to perform a time-critical evaluation of existing data to assess the feasibility of restoring a meandering Silver Bow Creek channel that would run from Texas Avenue west to the confluence with Blacktail Creek. This assessment's urgency is associated with the need for Butte residents, as represented by ROCC members, to gain assurance of the reliability of EPA's assertion that the proposed construction of stormwater control features throughout the Upper Silver Bow Creek corridor will not preclude the restoration of a meandering creek. This assurance needs to be provided in time to be codified in the Consent Decree scheduled for early fall, 2019.

Under this agreement, CTEC will enable ROCC to select a contractor, to determine—in consultation with EPA and the contractor—appropriate criteria for completing the feasibility review, and to function as the fiscal agent for managing the grant and disbursing funds to the contractor. CTEC will deploy these specially allocated TAG resources to support this independent feasibility assessment without seeking to influence its outcome.

This time-critical TAG request is understood to be submitted alongside CTEC's regular amended request for \$50,000 for the coming year's operations, with \$10,000 added to cover the extra costs of the Health Study Working Group Technical Advisor associated with the current Five-Year Health Study. The total for the current TAG request then comes to \$110,000, of which \$50,000 is time-critical, based on EPA's schedule for completing the BPSOU Consent Decree.

A draft statement of work for the required contractor's responsibilities and anticipated results accompanies this request (*Review Evaluating the Compatibility of Proposed Remedial Plans with Butte Community's Existing Plans for Restoring Upper Silver Bow Creek*)..